

By the House of Delegates,

February 1, 1830.

Ordered, That the clerk issue subpoenas for such witnesses as the Committee on Divorces may require, to testify in the case of David S. Barnum and wife, and that the same be made returnable on such day as the chairman of said committee may direct.

Which being twice read,

Mr. Burchenal proposed to amend said order, by appending at the end thereof, these words: "Which witnesses shall attend at the expense of the parties who summon the same."

Mr. Buchanan then moved as a substitute for the said order and amendment, the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Divorces be authorised and required to examine such witnesses as may be produced by either of the parties, in the case of the application for divorce, presented to this house by David S. Barnum.

Which substitute having been agreed to, was then adopted by the house.

On motion by Mr. Grason, (seconded by two other members who voted with him in the majority on the question,) the vote of the house, whereby the order proposed by Mr. Buchanan as a substitute, had been adopted, was reconsidered, and after some discussion on the subject,

The question was put, "Will the house adopt the order substituted on the motion of Mr. Buchanan?"

And it was again resolved in the affirmative.

The hour prescribed by the rules of the house, for taking up the orders of the day having arrived, the unfinished business in reference to the report of the committee of the whole house, on the bill reported by Mr. Goldsborough, entitled an act to reduce into one act the several acts of Assembly relating to the civil jurisdiction of justices of the peace, and to repeal the acts of Assembly therein mentioned, was taken up for consideration. When,

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough, the said bill was indefinitely postponed.

The house then proceeded to consider the order of the day, as regards the bill reported by Mr. Buskirk on the 23d ultimo, entitled an act to authorise the employment in this state of slaves from the state of Virginia, by the President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, their agents, &c. When